

HOUSE BILL 125

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to charter schools identified as priority  
schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122(a), is amended by  
deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead:

(1) A charter agreement shall be revoked or denied renewal by the final  
chartering authority if the department of education identifies the charter school as a  
priority school, as defined by the state's accountability system pursuant to § 49-1-602.  
The revocation shall take effect immediately following the close of the school year after  
the school is identified as a priority school.

(2) A charter agreement, including the charter agreement of any charter school  
identified as a priority school on the department's 2015 priority schools list approved by  
the state board of education on August 26, 2014, shall not be revoked or denied renewal  
under subdivision (a)(1) unless the department identifies the charter school as a priority  
school on a list approved by the state board in 2017 or in a year thereafter.

(3) Nothing in this subsection (a) shall prohibit a chartering authority from  
revoking or denying renewal of a charter agreement of a charter school that fails to meet  
the minimum performance requirements set forth in the charter agreement.

(4) This subsection (a) shall not apply to schools authorized by the achievement  
school district pursuant to § 49-1-614 or to schools converted to charter schools under §  
49-13-106(b)(2) unless the school receives identification as a priority school as defined

by the state's accountability system pursuant to § 49-1-602 for two (2) consecutive cycles beginning in 2015.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.